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## Jews And Arabs Preparing For Full-Scale War

### GLOOMY REPORTS FROM TRUCE HEADQUARTERS

#### Negev Heights Fighting

Haifa, Oct. 17.—A flood of observers' reports received at the United Nations truce headquarters here tonight said that both Jews and Arabs were making feverish preparations for a full scale warfare. Reports indicated that the battling, so far confined mainly to Negev, would include the entire Holy Land. There was evidence that observers and other truce officials were helpless to prevent the situation from exploding into a full war.

Officials at truce headquarters said privately that General William Riley, Chief of Staff of the truce office, was facing the worst crisis since the first truce broke down.

#### Egypt Refuses UN Request To Cease Fire

Tel-Aviv, Oct. 17.—Egypt has told the United Nations that she will not order a cease fire in the Negev area of southern Palestine—where heavy fighting is in progress on the convoy routes to Jewish settlements—until Israeli forces cease fire and return to their former positions, a United Nations representative informed the Israeli Government today.

Israel rejected the cease fire request last night, and told the United Nations Chief of Staff, Colonel Henri Viger, that she must first have "full guarantees from the Chief of Staff that the passage of traffic to and from the Negev will be allowed unmolested by the Egyptians."

An Israeli spokesman said today that the aim of the Negev operations was still the opening of the road to the Jewish settlements, but that so far no convoy had broken through the Egyptian lines.

Six Egyptian Bren carriers were captured intact by Israeli forces in a morning raid on the Gvaram and Niram area, he added.

Today's Israeli communiques said heavy fighting went on in the Negev throughout the night and this morning. Israeli troops raided Egyptian artillery positions, and Egyptian communications were disrupted in several places.

Israeli planes bombed Gaza, Elarish, Majdal and Faluja, the communiques added. Gaza is the seat of the "Arab Palestine Government."

An Israeli military spokesman said: "Very severe fighting in Palestine today centred around a single height somewhere in the Negev area." The precise location was not disclosed.

He said the Jews occupied the height, formerly held by a company and a half of Egyptians. The Egyptians made many unsuccessful efforts to retake it.

Questioned about reports that the Egyptians had threatened to use gas and "secret weapons" if the fighting continued, the spokesman said that such acts would force the Jews to retaliate, adding: "I do not envy the Egyptian troops if this materialised."

An Egyptian complaint, which arrived at the United Nations headquarters at Haifa today, alleged that the Jews have continued to drive southwards, occupying several new positions east of Faluja and blocking the road from Hebron to Jerusalem.

**OBSERVERS DENIED ACCESS**  
A United Nations special investigation team reported that observers remained only in Egyptian controlled territory and that further south the Jews were not permitting observers in many places occupied by them.

The reason given by the Jewish authorities on the spot was that the area was mined.

Reuters reported from Cairo last night that Egyptian planes claimed to have shot down two Messerschmitts of the Israeli Air Force which had attacked Egyptian ground forces.

The English-language Palestine Post said today that it was not believed that the Negev fighting would spread to other fronts. The paper added that there were indications that an Israeli repulse of the Egyptians would be welcomed both in Amman and London, "particularly if it would lead to the dismantling of the Egyptian-sponsored Gaza Government."

The French Consul-General in Jerusalem, M. Rene Neuville, protested last night to his Government over the "brutal shelling" by Arabs of the Dormition Abbey, on Mount Zion, south of the Old City.

This was M. Neuville's second protest to Paris yesterday. Earlier he had called the Security Council over alleged Arab sniping from the Old City walls at United Nations personnel.—Reuters.

#### BERLIN CRISIS

### New Efforts To Reach Settlement

Paris, Oct. 17.—Russia and the west's Big Three were reported interested in a new effort by China and five other neutral countries to settle the Berlin crisis.

An informed source said the six neutrals on the United Nations Security Council sought these simultaneous moves:

1.—Russia to lift the Berlin blockade.  
2.—Currency control under a four power arrangement to take effect in Berlin with Russian currency used in the four zones.  
3.—The four power Council of Foreign Ministers to meet or be called later to meet.

Neither side showed much interest in a similar plan earlier but their interest now is reported increasing. The source said the United States, Russia, Britain and France are following closely the private efforts of the neutrals—China, Argentina, Colombia, Belgium, Canada and Syria.

There was no firm indication a resolution would be presented to the Council on Tuesday.—Associated Press.

#### OPINION SWINGS

London, Oct. 17.—While the Western powers' experts spent the week-end preparing replies to the Security Council's two questions on the Berlin dispute, observers regarded it as almost certain that the Council will, without further delay, pass a resolution condemning the Soviet blockade.

Opinion in favour of such action hardened among the six "neutral" members of the Council during the week-end, it is understood.

The abrupt refusal of the Soviet delegate, Mr. Vyshinsky, to co-operate by answering the questions posed by Dr. Juan Bramuglia, Argentine acting chairman, and his suggestion that they were a "trap" have done much to swing opinion in favour of the Western powers, these observers felt.

It is now believed that only Argentina and Syria may abstain from the final vote in the Council.

It has not yet been decided whether Britain, the United States and France will make a joint reply, or put in separate documents when the Council meets again on Tuesday.

A move in postponement of further consideration of the Palestine problem by the Political Committee, it was reported today that certain delegations will seek to have the issue shelved for another week.

There is still no indication when the question of the Italian colonies will come before the Political Committee, but if the present rate of progress is maintained, it is unlikely to be before the middle of November.—Reuters.

#### STOP PRESS

### CHEFOO TAKEN, REDS CLAIM

Nanking, Oct. 18.—The Chinese Communist Radio, heard this morning, claimed that the Reds had captured Chefoo.

A Government military spokesman said he had no information either to confirm or deny the report.—Reuters.

#### ISRAELI COMMUNIQUE

Tel-Aviv, Oct. 17.—Scores of Egyptian regular troops have been taken prisoners at the height in the Negev area where heavy fighting was now proceeding, an Israeli communique stated tonight.

Most of the fighting was of the hand-to-hand nature, with considerable use of bayonets, and most of the Egyptian casualties were hit at close range, the communique added.

Four six-pounder guns were captured on the height, which dominates the Israeli route to the Negev. The Egyptians counter-attacked heavily with tanks and armoured cars after the reported Jewish success, but they were driven off by ground and air forces, it was added.

Israeli forces fought their way with bayonets onto the important height and held the hill against repeated heavy Egyptian counter-attacks, supported by tanks and armoured cars.

The Israeli forces appeared to be maintaining the upper hand in the offensive launched two days ago. The Egyptians themselves have implied this in a complaint to the United Nations central truce committee Office at Haifa, that the Jews had "occupied many new positions" in Israeli military spokesmen said tonight.—Reuters.

## New Police SOS System



A Chinese police sergeant sits before the microphone in the SOS control room at Central Police Station receiving information from police cars and launches, and ready to issue necessary instructions to them.—Picture by Staff Photographer.

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#### GUIDES AND MAPS

These two men have at their disposal a complete road guide and two large maps, one on a centre table covering land routes, with miniature cars marked "fire" "robbery" "riot" ready to be placed on the trouble spot, and a harbour guide with tiny launches for other similar purposes. Separate cars and launches are set aside for plotting Army and Naval routes, as the information comes in. The maps are polished, and can be written on with pen and erased by rubbing with a cloth.

On the wall hangs another map showing the extent of the area covered by this system and the remotest stations in contact with Central, such as Cheung Chau for instance. This was useful at the time of the ferry disaster when the Commissioner of Police was able to receive a detailed and regular account from the men on the spot. Another wall guide, electrically worked, makes it possible to see at

a glance which cars and launches are on duty.

Li-Car Gowdie was lent by the Navy to assist Mr. G. D. Binstead and Mr. F. G. Appleton erect and complete the outfit.

These three men planned and directed the whole works themselves. Parts of the equipment were lent by the Navy, but the maps had to be made, transmitting sets built, equipment fitted into cars and launches, and all the wiring and connections made from outstations to control towers on the Peak and other high spots. They had to scrounge bits of wiring here and there and radio parts to make complete sets, and they have certainly made a very thorough job of it.

An important representative of the Shanghai police arrived on Friday to study and report on the system when he goes back.

## Explosion Kills Eleven

Santiago, Oct. 17.—Dispatches reaching Santiago today said that 11 miners were killed and seven injured in an explosion in the Cuchimata copper mine in Northern Chile.

The dispatches said the explosion was apparently caused by a delayed charge which produced a rock fall at the mouth of a tunnel.

The casualties, members of a work gang, were crushed by the fall.—Associated Press.

## British Trade Unionists Reject Reds

Manchester, Oct. 17.—Several thousand trade unionists at an open air meeting here today voted overwhelmingly a resolution urging the Government and the Trades Union Congress "to take all necessary steps to remove Communist control from the Trade Union Movement."

The meeting was the latest move in a dispute between 38-year-old Chris Blackwell, former chief steward at the Metropolitan Vickers factory here, and the local leaders of the Electrical Trades Union, in which the key positions of President and General Secretary are held by Communists.

The Union has withdrawn its credentials from Mr. Blackwell as chief shop steward. He alleges that this was due to "Communist manoeuvres."

This resolution was the first public demand from any considerable section of the labour rank and file for official action against Communist union officials whose recent activities have caused a heated quarrel in the Movement.

Growing pressure for a showdown with the Communists has caused Mr. Harry Pollitt, General Secretary of the British Communist Party, to charge that the present campaign was "part of a movement being prepared to reduce the standards of living of the whole working class."

Mr. Pollitt said at a meeting at Darlington that "the enemies of the working class know that the Communist Party will fight to their limit against such a policy. That is why we are being attacked."

Mr. Blackwell, who asserted that he was discharged because he had refused to follow the disruptive policy of the Communist Party will appeal to the Executive Committee of the Union for re-instatement.

Addressing the mass meeting, however, he said, that he was not particularly concerned with his own dismissal but with the fact that the "Blackwell case has exposed, for the first time, the machinations of this diabolical Communist Party."

Other speakers proposed that the Government's purge of Communists engaged in the work of national importance should extend to unions other than the Civil Service Association, particularly those concerned with the nationalised industries.

One of the unions is the National Union of Miscellaneous Workers, whose Communist Secretary, Mr. Arthur Horner, is facing possible disciplinary action for supporting the French miners strike.

Mr. Horner was ill with a cold today and his public quarrel with Mr. Will Lawther, the President of the Union and Chairman of the TUC, is in abeyance.—Reuters.

### Bishop Wilson's Appointment

London, Oct. 17.—It was officially announced today that the Right Reverend John Leonard Wilson, Bishop of Singapore, has been appointed as Dean of Manchester Cathedral.

During the war, the Bishop was tortured by the Japanese for seven months to make him divulge the names of resistance. The Japanese failed to break his will.

After his release in 1945, the Bishop said the Japanese atrocities were due to their medieval nature and commented that the Germans had no such excuse. The Rt. Rev. Wilson will succeed the Very Reverend Frank Garfield Hodder Williams, who resigns on November 21.

The resignation of the Bishop of Exeter, the Rt. Rev. Charles Edward Curzon, was also announced.—Reuters.

### Plot To Kill Franco

Madrid, Oct. 17.—The Spanish police are investigating a plot in the province of Salamanca, alleged to have been fostered by Communist terrorists, against the life of General Francisco Franco. It was reliably reported here tonight.

The plot would have been carried out during General Franco's return from a visit to Portugal, originally planned for this month but postponed, police said.

"A mine was to have been laid and exploded under a bridge over which the Caudillo's car would have passed, it was alleged."

General Franco, who has been visiting the Tarifa area (the southernmost point of Spain) in his yacht, Azor, is expected to continue his cruise for at least another three days.

Usually reliable sources in Tarifa said his visit there was connected with the whaling and swordfish industries and an inspection of speed launches based on the port.

General Franco had earlier carried out a tour of important towns in southwestern Spain, including Seville, Cadiz and Jerez.—Reuters.

#### EDITORIAL

### An Inspiring Conference

IT is, perhaps, a little more than coincidence that during the same week the misguided Communists of Britain have been endeavouring to create discord and dissunity within the country by incitement against the War Office's recruiting campaign, the Prime Ministers of the British Commonwealth should meet in London and give to the world an inspiring demonstration of the solidarity of the Empire, and the two events provide a striking contrast, and demonstrate that Communism is trying to sow its seeds on stony and wholly unproductive ground. In a world weary by a succession of wordy and inconclusive post-war conferences, the meeting of the Commonwealth Prime Ministers stands out as a constructive and progressive achievement. It was convened in an atmosphere of doubt and even some apprehension. It was not known in what state of mind India would attend the conference, or whether the somewhat strained relations between South Africa and India would adversely affect the discussions. Furthermore there was the question of the Commonwealth's reactions to the proposed Western European Union and its economic implications. These doubts and problems have melted away before the statesmanlike commonsense of the visiting Prime Ministers. Unanimously on essential issues has keyed the conference. Communism and its programme of international disruption is recognised as the biggest threat to the individual freedom of the Commonwealth nations, and without hesitation the Prime Ministers have decided to abandon smaller differences of opinion and to become an entity

sworn to resist the encroachment of Soviet ideology within their countries. The decision represents the greatest single rebuff to the Cominform yet suffered by that Russian-inspired organisation. And from the conference emerges new hopes that India will not succumb to the Commonwealth, although her freedom to do so remains unimpaired. But realistic Pandit Nehru appreciates only too well that his country is thoroughly vulnerable to the Russian menace; that on her own India would be hard put successfully to resist external aggression and that the future safety and welfare of India depends in her alliance with the Western powers through membership of the British Commonwealth. Of equal importance to the conference has been the future constitutional status of Pakistan and Ceylon. Commentators are now open to expressing the opinion that these three independent countries will, in consequence of the London discussions, seek ways and means of remaining within the orbit of the British Commonwealth even though they may decide to become republics. The proposition is intriguing, and if realised, will be intriguing to the splendid elasticity of the British Commonwealth concept. The United States, very naturally, is following the deliberations of the Prime Ministers conference with careful attention for if the whole of the Commonwealth can remain an integrated family of states, there will be no weak link in the chain of anti-Communism which the Western powers are trying to forge. And it is solidarity of purpose and unanimity of action which offers the best weapon of defence against the aggressive intentions of international Marxism.





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## A Child Who Feels Too Independent

FOR most children, from two to five may be considered the age of independence. "Dear holy God, please take care of daddy and mummy and baby sister, but don't take care of me. I can do it myself."

So a certain little girl of three, sometimes prays at night, according to her mother who says this child is "independent to a degree where she refuses to be helped to solve any of her problems, although she will softly cry to herself in despair."

"She cannot accept criticism no matter how kindly it is given, but will argue, whine, or cry desperately, refusing to change her mood or ways."

### Selfish

"She is extremely intelligent, her vocabulary is wide; she dresses herself and helps me with little tasks or getting things for the baby, and has a creative imagination. However, she is unbelievably selfish towards her little sister of twenty-three months old, although I tried to prevent this by showing her more affection than I give the sister, but she screams if the latter goes within three feet of her possessions. She is generous with adults."

"She spurned any show of affection from her daddy or me until last year. Now she accepts it from us but refuses any display of fondness from her little sister who loves her very dearly and who is most generous."

"I used to be calm and gentle, but now after trying to be kind and gently firm with no effective result, I scold and spank and 'fly off the handle.' I know it is doing no good but she has made me a nervous wreck."

My opinion is, except for this child's originality there is nothing very unusual in this account of her. All children around three express considerable independence and are normally selfish, especially towards a younger brother or sister. Unselfishness is not born; it is learned and usually comes slowly.

### Younger Sister

Apparently the existence of the younger sister causes this older child to be more resistant to any

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By Grace Thorncliff

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The well-handled topper of casual cut is effective with both autumn daytime and evening clothes. Thus it is a good choice for the wise travel-light person. This coat, cut on carefully casual lines, has a simple single-breasted closing with slit pockets and a flared back. The collar and revers are classic. Here it is shown over a slim-skirted daytime dress of navy crepe.

The topper may be made with light weight red wool with buttons to match, or wine-red velvet for the evening, and checks for daytime.

## BOYS AND GIRLS MAGAZINE

### The Shadows Heard a Bell

—The Sound Came Right From the Bookcase—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-out names, were sitting in the corner of the playroom. It was getting to be quite late and everyone else in the house was fast asleep. All at once they heard a bell ringing loudly.

Knarf and Hanid looked at each other in surprise.

"It's not the 'door-bell,'" said Hanid.

"It's coming from one of the books on the book-shelf," said Knarf.

They both ran over to the book-shelf to see if they could find out from which of the books the sound of the bell was coming. Perhaps you think it strange that Knarf and Hanid should hear the sound of bells coming from a book. But it is no stranger than hearing the sound of the sea coming from a large shell.

### From the Book

"It's coming from the Mother Goose Book," Hanid exclaimed.

They both listened for a moment longer, then they squeezed themselves between the covers of the Mother Goose Book. The next instant they found themselves on a small country road, near a little red school house. In the doorway stood a little old man with large spectacles on his nose, ringing a bell with all his might. As soon as he spied Knarf and Hanid, he took a big gold watch out of his pocket and looked at it. Then he said:

"Neckties and collars,

A fine pair of scholars!

What makes you come so fast?

You used to come at twelve o'clock,

And now it's just half past."

"We're sorry but we couldn't come any sooner," Hanid tried to explain.

"Hurry inside, both of you! We're just finishing the lesson in geography and we're about to begin the lesson in spelling. Then we'll do some reading."

Knarf and Hanid thought these were odd things to be studying in school. "They sound something like the things that children usually learn in school," Hanid remarked to Knarf as they both hurried inside.

## Have A Body Beautiful



Here's how you can have a Body Beautiful.

By LOIS LEEDS

AS women become more conscious of Health as a measure of their working ability they become more conscious of their bodies. Many girls and women who used to spend their Sundays and holidays sleeping are now out getting some exercise. They walk, swim or get their exercise through playing games.

Their bodies function properly as long as they are healthy. They found that every machine needs care; it must be cleaned, oiled and kept healthy in order to function—just like your body.

You must work out a routine which fits in with your kind of life, your kind of work and the amount of leisure that you have. Of course not everyone can swim or lie in

the sun, but you can follow some particular routine for health and body improvement. You can take long walks, exercise at home or in a gym or on the roof. But do something to keep your "machine" working as it should, because your body "machine" often has to work overtime.

Brisk salt massages after a warm bath will pep up your energy and stimulate your circulation. Rubbing alcohol will soothe and refresh a tired body. Oil massages will soften dry skin and keep your body skin smooth and comfortable.

In these strenuous days it is important to do all that you can to keep yourself healthy and to keep going!

## NEW SERIAL:

### The Lad Who Was Born For The Big Top

By JOE K. BEASLEY

WHEN I first noticed the lad, who seemed about my own age, he was serving tables in the cook "house" of The Barlow Brothers Big Railroad Shows. The house, of course, was a tent but the show travelled by rail rather than trek by hoof and feet.

"Who's the new fellow?" I asked Baker, the cook house manager. "Isn't he a performer or something? He shouldn't be travelling with the circus just to serve meals."

"No performer that I know of. We call him Slick, because of the care he gives that nice head of hair of his," Baker replied. "He's been here only a few days. Talked to the Barlows as soon as he landed, but hasn't had hardly a word to say to anyone else. They put him to work here."

And my impression that he was "a natural" as a performer was fully confirmed that Fourth of July. An eight-pony hook-up, drawing a cage of monkeys across the lot for the parade line-up, turned for position.

Just then some nitwit threw a giant cannon cracker under the wheeling Sletlands. The eight-spotted, spirited animals gave a lunge, throwing the standing driver to the ground, and raced like mad, straight for the dressing room where a gathering of children were in high place at the antics of a clown and his little mule and cart.

Slick saw it all, and in a split second he bounded as if on winged feet towards them, and with a flying leap he had a neck lock on one of the leaders, throwing the horse to the ground. The others piled in a heap behind it, and the danger was over.

(To Be Continued Tomorrow)

## Rupert & Mr Punch—19



The posts of the breakwater are just the right distance apart, Rupert and Algy hang the hammock, and after one or two pulls they both manage to scramble into it and start eating the food that Sailor Sam had given them. "Oo, this is lovely and comfy," murmurs Algy. "Now I can finish the sleep I was having when you first found me." "You're a lazy old thing!" laughs Rupert. But before long he, too, begins to nod and soon the little pair are both fast asleep.

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## RED RYDER



## Jake Can't Lose



## By Fred Harman





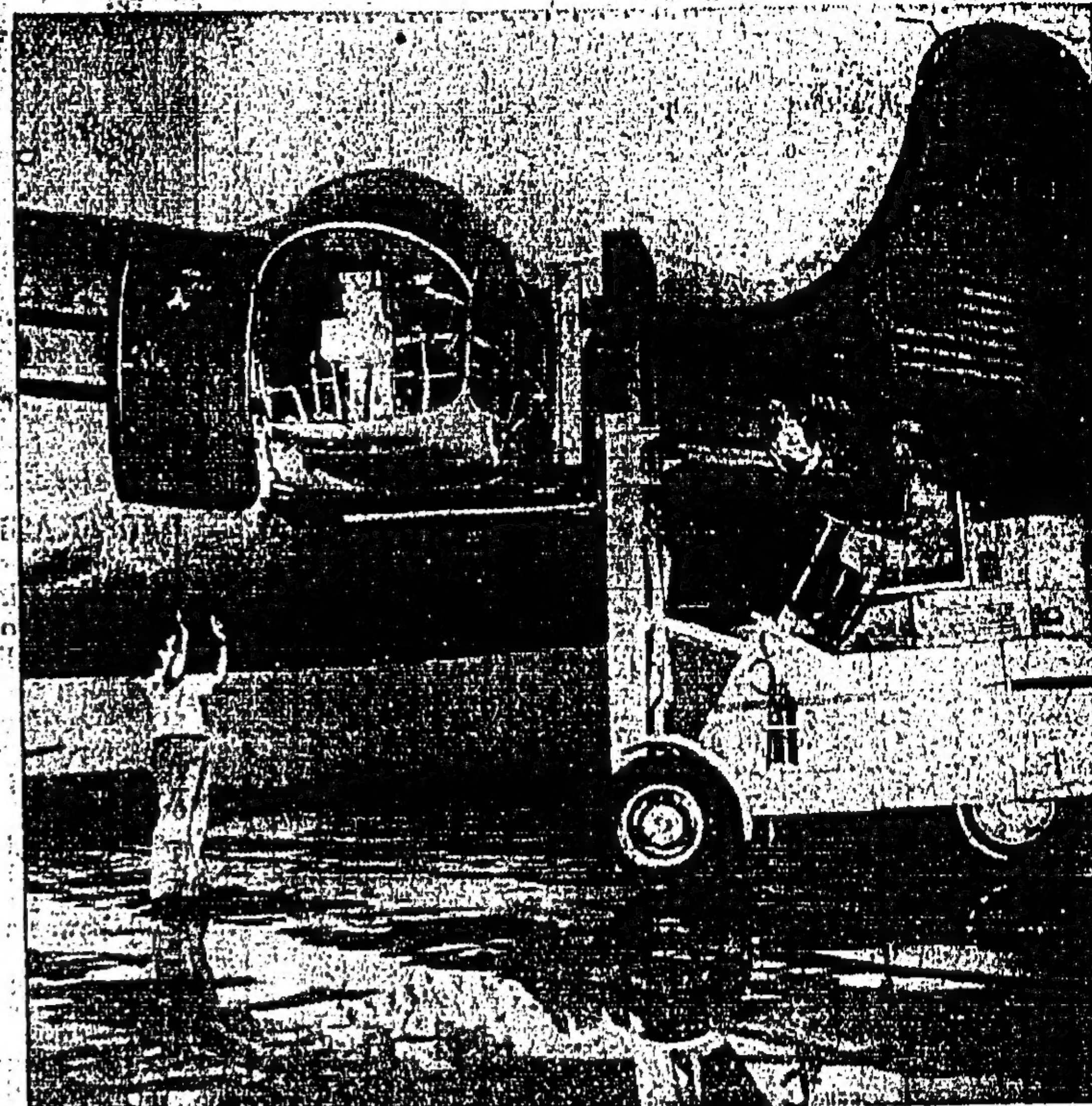
# WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



**GOODWILL AMBASSADOR**—Mienarsh Sastro-satome, daughter of the President of West Java, plays with her six-month-old daughter after arriving at Idlewild Airport, New York. Mrs Sastro-satome will tour the U.S. as an ambassador of goodwill.



**BLOCKADED BERLIN**—A shift of women dig into a hillside in the French sector of Berlin, while a second shift takes time out for lunch. Over 5,000 German men and women are employed in round-the-clock shifts in an effort to construct this new airfield before the winter season engulfs the blockaded capital city of Germany.



**HELICOPTERS RIDE**—A Pan-American Airlines cargo supervisor directs the loading of a helicopter fuselage into the hold of a Clipper in Miami. Three of the "flying windmills" were shipped dismantled from Miami to Brazil.



**HARMLESS ONE-ARM BANDITS**—Sheriff Elmer Michael Walsh personally helps in the cleaning up of slot machines in Chicago. He is throwing away confiscated machines in a salvage yard. Seven truckloads of illegal gambling devices were seized in raids since last May, and will be doused with gasoline and burned.



**ISRAELI VETS**—The Israeli Consul-General in New York, Arthur Lourie (second from left) talks with five young veterans of the Israeli Army who arrived in the U.S. to take part in the United Jewish appeal for \$250,000,000. Here they point out to Lourie the military situation in Palestine at the Consulate in New York.



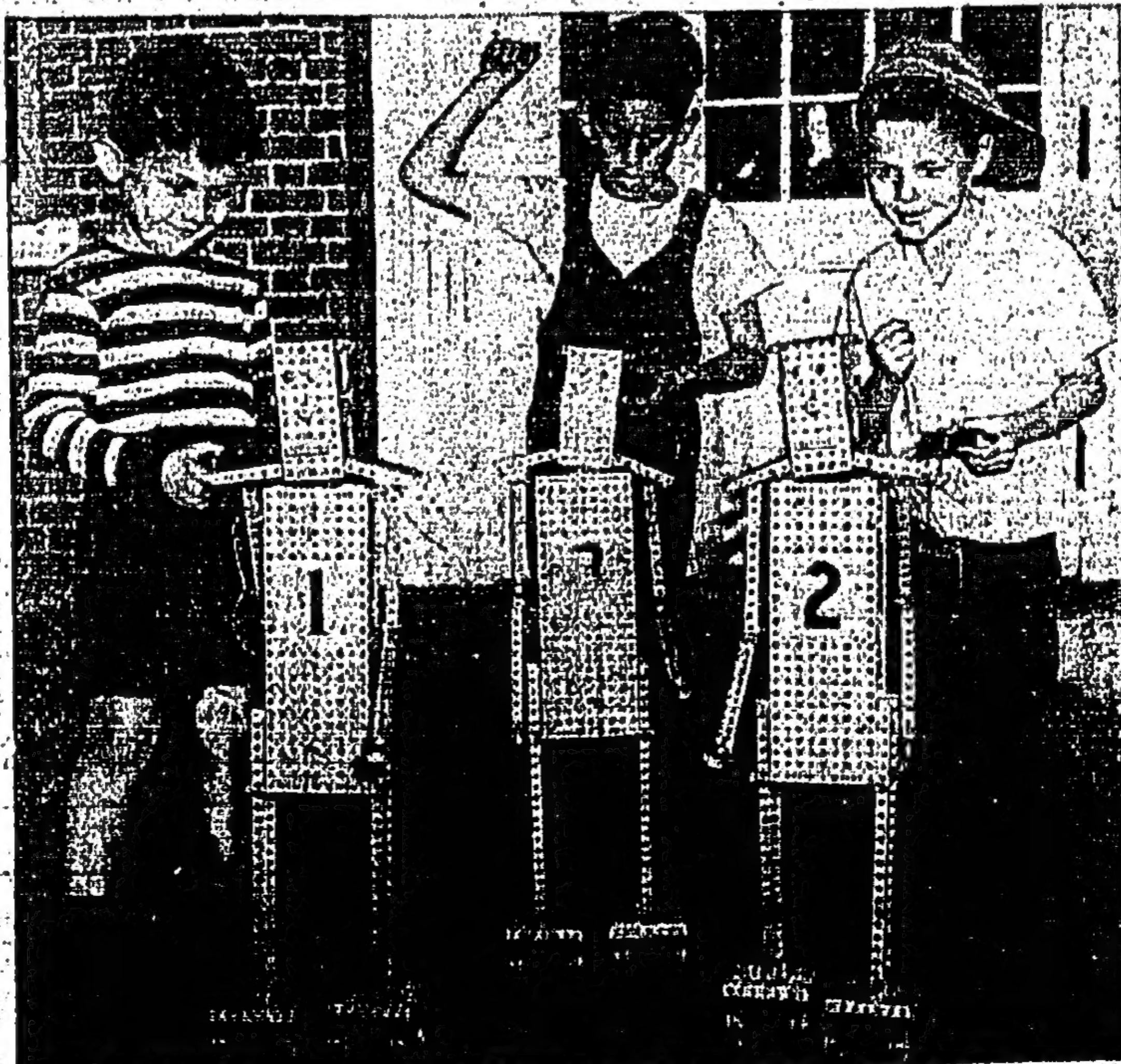
**STORM WARNINGS**—Flags like these are now being used in Miami, Florida, to give warning of the approach of a hurricane. Miami and Key West were recently swept by a severe hurricane, which caused widespread damage.

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**TO-MORROW** **ATOMIC BOMB UNLEASHED OVER JAPAN!**  
**"FIRST YANK INTO TOKYO"**



**MRS KASENKINA**, the eighth chapter of whose thrilling story of escape from the Soviet terror appears today, is shown here in an old photograph with her two children, now dead, when the Kasenkina family was living in Slavansk. The girl, Sylvestra, died of a heart ailment shortly after this photo was made. The boy is Oleg, who was killed on the Leningrad front during World War II. Mrs Kasenkina today describes how Oleg went to war.

My son went off to become a soldier at the moment of the greatest peril to Moscow. It was a moment when the love of Russia stirred in many hearts despite the hatred they had harboured for the Soviet regime. The Communist propaganda knew how to exploit the patriotic upsurge of the people. Oleg, too, was eager to come to the defence of the fatherland, but I hoped that he would first get adequate training in the Red Army.

"Mamochka, how will I know where you're going to be?" he asked at parting.

"And I won't know where to reach you, Olya," I cried. We arranged that I would try to make my way to Gorki, formerly Nizhni-Novgorod, where one of my sisters was living, and that we should keep in touch through her.

Until the last hour, when the Germans were already within artillery range and when rumours of the evacuation of Moscow were flying thick and fast, I clung to our school. I could not bear the thought of abandoning it to the invaders. The last Communist officials to leave approached me for showing such sentimentality.

"Go and join the partisans," was their farewell shot to me. I had never handled a rifle.

The head of one neighbouring village Soviet tried to persuade me to remain behind and await the Germans. "Why are you leaving?" he argued. "They won't last where you're going." This peasant had even disobeyed the government order to drive the stock of the collective farm into the interior. Instead he turned all the cattle loose.

Three years later I revisited Tuckovo, and to my horror found nothing but rubble and ruins where the school had once been. The

## WHY DO THEY MOB SINATRA?

by BEVERLEY BAXTER, MP

OVER a recent week-end I read two books. One was "The Gathering Storm" by Winston Churchill, and the other was "The Voice" by E. J. Kahn, Jun. They made an interesting contrast, for both Mr. Churchill and Mr. Frank Sinatra must be numbered among the human phenomena of this age.

When Mr. Churchill travels he is cheered by enthusiastic crowds and protected by god-natured police. When Mr. Sinatra emerges from a theatre or a restaurant the police make baton charges and Mr. Sinatra barely escapes with his life. Buttons are torn from his clothes, and even his sacred person is not immune from the clutching, frenzied hands of his admirers.

Thus it will be seen that in this modern world, in this age of the common man, the lesser is the greater—at any rate in the emotional esteem of the American public. Mr. Churchill could never hope to rouse such hysterical adulation as the gentleman known as The Voice.

### 2,000 FAN CLUBS

THERE is something significant in this, something worth more than satirical comment.

In Germany the Kaiser wore a fierce moustache and was always in uniform, but his people saw him go into exile without a tear or a curse. On the other hand Hitler was the underdog, the third rate artist who could not sell his paintings, the corporal who was never considered for a commission, the little man who understood the feelings of all other little men in Germany. He is not as dead to-day as was the Kaiser when he crossed the Dutch frontier in 1918.

With that strict accuracy which one associates with publicity agents, Mr. George Evans (who controls Sinatra's publicity) admits that there are 40 million Sinatra fans in the U.S.A. and 2,000 fan clubs.

Sinatra receives 5,000 letters a week, mostly from girls, although few are of an amorous nature. His followers are glad that he married a young woman whom he had known from childhood. When last year Mr. and Mrs. Sinatra quarrelled and separated for a week his admirers pleaded with him to forgive and forget. In fact, Mrs. Sinatra and the two children (a daughter of seven and a son of three) receive 2,000 letters a week on their own account. Psychologists say that the bobby-soxers regard Mrs. Sinatra as some-

thing between a sister and a grandmother called by destiny to attend to the mortal needs of a god. They are grateful to her. Not jealous.

A few months ago a radio station conducted a "Why I like Frank Sinatra" contest. Among the essays submitted was one that read:

"I think he is one of the greatest things that ever happened to Teen Age America. We were the kids that never got much attention, but he's made us feel like we're something. He gives us sincerity in return for our faithfulness."

Sinatra was born in 1917, the son of an Italian immigrant and his wife. The father did some professional prize fighting, became a boilermaker, then a shipyard worker, and is now a captain in the Hoboken Fire Department. Being Italian and also a Roman Catholic, young Frankie was badgered and bullied as a member of the despised minorities. Like Hitler he experienced resentment at an early stage.



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# Mrs Oksana Kasenkina's Own Story

elaborate mansion housing the fine library and museum, and all the other buildings, had been burned to the ground, with the exception of one corner of the brick structure. I found Osipova, a former resident still there, had turned all white. She told me that the Red Army had taken over after my departure, and set fire to the institution in accordance with Stalin's scorched earth policy, at the approach of the Germans.

From other people who had survived the occupation I heard tales of German atrocities. The people who naturally better were decimated, maltreated, and robbed by the German "liberators" as they had never been even by the loathed Communists.

Subsequently I encountered a colonel who, upon discovering that I had taught at Tuckovo, remarked nonchalantly:

"So that's where you lived, eh? I put the torch to it myself. That was some collection of books you had there."

### Fire In The Sky

BUT I never really anticipated such an end on the day—October 15, 1941—when I started out in the direction of Moscow. At three o'clock that morning six of us teachers left our school, each carrying a bundle of essential belongings. I had already written my will, and with fiery activity. The Germans were reported to have enveloped Moscow from three sides. They were directly behind us.

Our party split up, and at six o'clock three of us crossed the Moscow River and reached the suburban station of Kubinka. From there we got to Moscow by tram.

I had virtually no money, and went with one of my companions to report to the Commissariat of Education in the building of the Moscow Soviet. After some interviews and conferences with aides to Commissar Potemkin, I was assigned to a teaching post in the city of

He got work as a sports reporter on a newspaper, but he was determined to become a singer, being much stimulated by the success of Bing Crosby. He secured small engagements, hunted, and haunted dance band leaders, organized his so-called campaign as relentlessly as a war correspondent, and although he was not too certain of his next meal.

Nature had cast him in a mould of helpless, gentle futility. His drooping shoulders, his wistful smile, his eager boyish eyes and unruly hair, his hesitant bewildered feet, his sweet bravery in the face of a cold, indifferent world... That was as people saw him; that is how they see him to-day.

### SUPERIORITY COMPLEX

HOW was anyone to know that he had "Napoleonic" superiority complex that made him feel himself above all vocal rivals even when he could not secure an audition. He would conquer the entertainment world. He would be the leader of a modern children's crusade. Perhaps, some day, he might be the leader of America. And, when he comes on the stage to sing, his fans shriek encouragement because he seems so forlorn and self-distrustful.

No wonder Sinatra looks beyond the battlefields of Broadway and Hollywood, for those victories have been won. In 1944 he stumped the country for Roosevelt, which caused the devoted followers to wear buttons proclaiming: "Frankie for F.D.R. and so are we." Sinatra has preached tolerance from the public platform, and he may even issue his edict on the eve of the Presidential poll.

Meanwhile he does the tremolo on the G string of his voice, singing of loneliness and unrequited love, the hungry troubador from the Bronx who sends young women into a swoon and keeps his accountants hard at work finding new investments for his money.

### IS IT DECAY?

MR. KAHN'S book is not as important as "The Gathering Storm," but it deals with a phenomenon which is worth the study of the psychologist and the historian.

Is the glorification of the common place a sign of health—or decay? Is there any connection between the hysterical adulation of Sinatra in America and the dismissal of Churchill by the electorate in 1948? Those are the questions which have emerged from my weekend reading of two books dealing with the uncommon man and the common man.

Barnaul, in western Siberia. I was then told:

"Come early tomorrow morning for travelling expenses."

That day the sky of Moscow was filled with smoke from the burning of confidential archives in innumerable government quarters. The wind whirled charred papers in the air. Everybody saw that the Communist bureaucrats were in a state of panic. Many openly expected the end of the Soviet rule.

Towards evening there was an air raid alarm. We ran to the nearest shelter in the Byelorussian underground railway station. There we spent the night. The following morning, we made our way to the Commissariat of Education. Outside there were cars loaded with trucks and cases. None of the officials was inside. Commissar Potemkin and all his aides and staff had fled. Overnight a tremendous change had come over Moscow. Directors of factories and heads of departments had emptied their treasuries, commandeered cars, and fled eastward. Workers and employees abandoned to their fate. Only the building superintendent remained in the Moscow Soviet.

"We have no money," my companion and I cried, explaining that we had received our appointments and had been told to come in the morning for travelling funds. The old man shook his head, waved his arm in the direction in which all the big shots were escaping, and took pity upon us two women. He gave us all he could spare, 150 roubles each, with the advice:

"Go as far as you can with this."

### Plunderers Shot

DURING the next few days, while I was trying to locate a train bound for Gorki, the centre of Moscow took on the aspect of a deserted city, except for marching army units. Occasionally one heard the explosion of a bomb and the roar of a collapsing structure. On the highways, leading out of the city, ruthless measures were being taken to stop in their tracks looters who were fleeing with caravans of goods. The booty would be taken away and the plunderers shot on the spot.

To add to the nightmare, barricades were being thrown up on the main arteries in the outlying districts through which the Germans were expected to advance upon the city. Barrels, overturned street cars, furniture, all kinds of wreckage were piled into these hasty and primitive defences.

On October 20, when old residents were convinced that Moscow was as good as taken by the Germans, I got close enough to a train scheduled to leave for Gorki, and was swept onto its platform by the surge of a frenzied mob. It was a human ant-hill, with people clinging to the roofs and windows of the cars. Wedged in the passageway between two end platforms, I somehow managed to reach Gorki, some 300 miles away.

My sister astounded me upon my arrival with the announcement that Oleg had already been there looking for me.

### Ominous Words

MY joy to hearing from my son as soon as I came at Gorki lasted but a fleeting moment. Even before I had time to lay down my belongings in my sister's apartment, she dropped the ominous word:

"Oleg is in the NKVD's special Red Army detachment. He left his address."

I asked her to send a telegram to him telling him of my safe arrival. I knew he would come to see me at the first chance.

"What's this NKVD unit?" I inquired with trepidation. "Why isn't he in the regular army?"

Reluctantly my sister revealed what she had learned from Oleg, that the Red Army had organized under the supervision of the NKVD special punitive battalions for malefactors, blacklegs, and sons of political transgressors. It was now clear that the military authorities had caught up with Oleg's family history. It is the iron clad Soviet justice to visit upon the innocent children the "sins" of their parents.

"Wasn't it enough for them to kill my Demyan?" I cried out. "Must they also destroy my son?"

Within a week Oleg showed up in response to the telegram. He had got leave to come to bid me goodbye, and what with the travelling conditions at the time, he had only 15 minutes left to spend with me before catching a return train.

It was the end of October. Snow was falling, a cold and penetrating wind was blowing. I expected Oleg to show up in uniform. My heart sank within me when I saw the boy still wearing his summer clothes and a pair of sneakers.

"What kind of a unit are you in?" I asked, holding back my tears with difficulty.

"There are all kinds in it, from rifflers to sons of bourgeois," Oleg explained. "It'll be a shock brigade."

"But why don't they put you in uniform? And why don't they give you training?" I cried.

"Mamochka, they are taking us to Vladimir where they promised us everything, and then we will be all right," he tried to reassure me. But I could no longer restrain my emotions.

"Now don't you cry, and don't you waste your strength on plying me. I know how to take care of myself," he continued to console me. "I want you to think of yourself and save me all the worry about you."

### Oleg At The Front

OLEG went off, and I broke down watching him disappear into the street. He wrote to me from Vladimir that his detachment was being sent off to Moscow for equipment. After two days in the capital where they were outfitted with winter uniforms, the special unit was dispatched to the Volkhov sector of the Leningrad front without any other preparation.

My son wrote me twice from Volkhov. He had not received there any military training of consequence. Already it was bitterly cold. It was the beginning of one of the cruellest winters of the century. The Germans were desperately trying to encircle and take Leningrad. Against their powerful machine the Red Army was throwing into action, at least in one sector, Oleg's detachment, consisting, mostly of raw youths.

In December I received a note from the boy asking me to send him some zwieback. That meant that he was not getting enough to eat. I sent him a parcel of biscuits.

Then came a postcard. Oleg wrote that his group was preparing to carry out a very important mission and that the fate of many of the boys would depend upon its outcome.

That was the last word I had from him. The food parcel was returned to me unclaimed. On January 12, 1942, I was called to the local office of the Commissariat of War. There I was handed the announcement:

"Oleg Kasenkina—missing in action."

There was no further information. But at that instant I felt, only a way a mother can feel, that they had murdered my child as surely as if he had been shot in the back by the NKVD.

Yet I never abandoned hope that he would come back. During the ensuing years, while the war was still on, and since its end, in the Soviet Union and in America, knowing that the Germans had taken millions of Russian prisoners, I kept myself going with the prayer that Oleg is alive and would turn up.

Throughout that fierce winter in Gorki, when the wounded from the Leningrad front began to pour in, filling all the hospitals and all the school buildings converted into hospitals, I was constantly on the alert for some message about my son.

I was one of many teachers, among whom there was a contingent from Leningrad, who had sought refuge in Gorki. All daylong school work was discontinued, but evening classes were improvised instead. I divided my time between giving courses at night and doing hospital relief work during the day.

My job was to write up the medical histories of the cases. Lying as I do now in this marvellous hospital in New York, with its fabulous cleanliness, equipment, care and humane personnel, I shudder to recall the neglect of our wounded and the gruesome sights I witnessed with a bleeding heart.

### Tongues Loosened

THE catastrophe which Russian arms had suffered at the front, with the Germans at the gates of Moscow, Leningrad and in the depths of the Ukraine, loosened many tongues. Although every hospital had its vigilant commissars, the boys gave vent to the mood of the army.

"Where is our preparedness, for which we made all those sacrifices during the five-year plans?" they murmured. "Where is our equipment? Why couldn't they even provide us with enough food and cigarettes? Why weren't we ready?"

Some of the questions raised. "Imagine not having enough rifles!" one of the boys exclaimed. "We were suddenly thrown into action to meet a German attack with one rifle for every ten men."

It might have been the voice of my own Oleg. "Was that how he met his end?" was the thought that haunted me.

(Mrs Kasenkina continues her story tomorrow).

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## Programme For Visit Of Royal Artillery Band

The Royal Artillery (Plymouth) Band, which is one of the oldest of the pre-war Royal Artillery bands, is making a tour of the East this winter. The Band is coming straight out to Hongkong on the troopship Lancashire and is then going to Singapore and Malaya, and thence westwards back to the United Kingdom, calling en route at other stations where there are units of the Royal Regiment of Artillery.

## TWO SAILORS GAOLED FOR ROBBERY

Two British naval ratings, Robert Bertram Caines, 19, and Edward Stewart Herbert Walker, 19, both stoker mechanics of HMS Black Swan, were sentenced to 18 months' hard labour by Mr. Justice Gould, Acting Police Judge, at the Criminal Sessions this morning for robbery.

Both men pleaded guilty to a charge of robbing a taxi driver, Li Pak-sun, of \$35 and a wristwatch on a path leading to 408 Repulse Bay Road on July 10. Mr. A. Hooton, Crown Counsel, who appeared for the prosecution, assisted by Del. Sub-Inspector C. E. Willerton, said that about 7.45 p.m. on July 10, the two accused hailed a taxi near the China Fleet Club and asked to be taken to Repulse Bay. A fare of \$5 was agreed upon. In point of fact, they did not go to Repulse Bay but to Deep Water Bay. There they decided to return to Hongkong. Near 408 Repulse Bay Road, one of the accused asked the driver to stop by the house. One of them then got out and walked a little way away while the other man hit the driver on the head and pushed his head down to the seat.

### BRUISE ON TEMPLE

When he recovered consciousness, the driver found the men gone and his wristwatch and a sum of \$35 missing. He drove back to Hongkong and reported to the police. A medical examination showed that he had a bruise over the left temple, but it was not dangerous.

On August 29, Inspector Willerton saw Walker in the naval section of Queen Mary Hospital where he was a patient. He took a cautioned statement from Walker in which the accused said that Caines had hit the taxi driver on the head.

Later that day, Caines was seen in the Hospital, which he was visiting, and taken to the police station because he was seen wearing a wristwatch. This watch was put among a number of others and identified by the driver as his. Caines made a cautioned statement in which he said that the robbery had been planned by Walker and himself.

When both accused were charged, they said that the sum involved was only \$20 and not \$35. At an identification parade, Walker was picked out by the taxi driver who said he strongly suspected him of being one of the two men who had robbed him.

### MEDICAL REPORT

Crown Counsel then produced and read to the Court a medical report on Walker. The report, by Naval Surgeon-Commander, said that Walker was detained in Queen Mary Hospital from August 8 to September 1. He was admitted after he had apparently attempted to cut an artery of his left wrist with a scraper which he had sharpened. Walker was morose, sullen and expressed his full intention of ending his life. He was put under observation, and later brightened up, and apart from saying that he was extremely "fed up," made no complaints. The Surgeon-Commander concluded by saying he considered Walker to be a person of inadequate personality with little or no sense of responsibility.

Mr. Justice Gould, passing sentence, said they had committed a serious offence and he had to impose a prison sentence.

## URANIUM FOUND IN MOROCCO

Casablanca, Oct. 17.—A strict censorship was being imposed here today upon all information relating to the reported discovery of uranium deposits near Bou Azzer, southern Morocco. While official quarters as well as the mining company declined to confirm or deny the reports, sources close to the engineering authorities at Bou Azzer said the presence of uranium in the locality had been established. These sources said that official silence has been instituted because the grade of the mineral vein was not yet known.—Reuter.

### Flower Arranging

Another flower arranging demonstration will be given at YWCA, Duddell Street tomorrow at 5 p.m. Mr. Chase will lecture on and demonstrate "Simple Arrangements for Dining Tables." Mrs. A. J. Staple will speak on and demonstrate "Arrangements for Small Rooms." There will be a small charge of \$1 to cover expenses.

## Revolt Against Peru Government



Civilians and volunteer firemen of Callao, the port of Lima, Peru, convert a fire department truck into improvised ambulance during brief but bloody revolt. Volunteers at right carry stretcher. This scene is on Avenida Saenz Pena, Callao's main street. Sailors and armed civilians started revolt against the government of President Jose Luis Bustamante Rivero.—AP Picture.

## Marshall Forging Vast Plan Aimed At Forcing Showdown With Russia

Paris, Oct. 17.—It was learned today that the U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. George Marshall, is hammering out the basis of a vast geopolitical-military plan aimed at bringing a diplomatic showdown next spring in the cold war with Russia. The project, supported in principle by Mr. Thomas Dewey, and dependent upon quick action by the new Congress when it meets in January, involves:

1. "Playing for time" in Berlin by increasing the airlift, refusing to negotiate while the Berlin blockade continues and getting overwhelming word of indictment of Russia in the United Nations.

2. Prodding all non-Communist Europe, including Western Germany, to take as many steps as possible to unite politically, militarily and economically.

3. Getting American Congressional approval of a vast peacetime military lend-lease programme for Western Europe which initially may run to US\$5,000,000,000.

4. An unprecedented North Atlantic alliance between the United States and Canada on one hand, and key North Atlantic European States—Norway, Britain, the Lowlands, France and Portugal on the other.

5. Getting other key European areas on the Western Union's flanks—such as Scandinavia and the Mediterranean states—to agree to collaboration with the heart of the project even if they will not or do not join it directly.

6. Continuing pressure on all of non-Communist Europe to federate or perish, although realising that hopes for a United States of Europe are visionary at this time.

### WEST ON OFFENSIVE

7. Keeping the West on the offensive—an offensive which started with the Truman Doctrine and continued with the Marshall Plan and Western Union—until it is strong enough to "call" the Russians.

8. Resorting to "holding action" in the Far East, where Communism

## REBELS KILL LEADER

### BATAVIA DRAMA

Batavia, Oct. 17.—Dr. Amir Sjarifuddin, the former Republican Socialist Premier and reported Prime Minister of the rebel Indonesian Communist Republic, has been murdered by his own rebel supporters, Antara, the Republican news agency, reported tonight.

The agency added that the murder took place as the Communist rebel leaders endeavoured to converge on Jogjakarta to surrender following the successes of the Republican troops.

The report also confirmed that the former Labour Vice-Premier of the Republic, Dr. Soetardjo, had been killed by Republican forces in anti-Communist operations.

The only important Communist so far taken alive is the Moscow-trained veteran leader, Alimin. President of the self-proclaimed Communist Republic in Java who came from Moscow last August and led the revolt against the Republican Hatta Government, is still unaccounted for. Reports that he has escaped to Bangkok are discounted here.—Reuter.

In Asiatic nationalist movements is harassing the Western Colonial powers and China.

9. Convincing the Commonwealth nations that their ties will be strengthened rather than weakened by linking themselves with Europe.

10. Fighting desperately to keep such weak links as France and Italy in the non-Communist Western network, and such waverers and advocates of a "middle road"—like India and Argentina—from disrupting the front.

That, it is understood, has been the tenor of Mr. Marshall's talks here with the European Foreign Ministers. His plan is much akin to President Roosevelt's, but it is based on a difference of facts. President Roosevelt's grand design was a world in which the great powers had learned to live and let live within loose spheres of influence and to incorporate and run the world through the United Nations.

### RUSSIA'S GRIP

Mr. Marshall's grand design is based on the failure of President Roosevelt's basic assumptions. The belief now is that Russia must not only be stopped from expanding further, but probably be pushed back out of Eastern Europe.

Two years ago, when the Truman Doctrine was gestating, the desire was to "contain" Russia. Now the West also wants to loosen the Soviet grip on Eastern Europe. At the moment, Mr. Marshall is trying to fit together the jigsaw which is non-Communist Europe. He does not expect the pieces over to fit perfectly, but this is how they are shaping up at the moment:

Western Union—this is the hard core of the grand design and it will be into these countries that the bulk of billions in armaments will be poured. It is hoped also that these countries will be expanded into a wider group, at least to a solid line of North Atlantic States which would embrace Norway and Portugal.

Scandinavia—This is the Western Union's north flank, in the eyes of Mr. Marshall. There is a slight difficulty because of Sweden's determination to stay neutral, but Mr. Marshall hopes a Scandinavian alliance will be created which will eventually be linked with the Western Union, and thus possibly Norway will play the major formal role in both.

### THE MEDITERRANEAN

Mediterranean—This week-end Mr. Marshall was examining on the spot the important sector of Greece, to determine what more should be done to hold it together with Turkey. Italy is anxious for a role in the Western Union, but for the moment may just remain an important pivot in the Mediterranean area. Spain is excluded from the Western Union by Britain and France, but is an important spot in America's overall strategic planning. North Africa will remain in the hands of the British, with the United Nations expected to agree to defer disposition of Italy's former colonies there for at least another year.

Ideally, Mr. Marshall would like to see a non-Communist Europe which is politically, economically and militarily united. He knows, however, from experience with the Marshall Plan, that this is impossible at the moment. But he also knows that Norway in Scandinavia, and Italy in the Mediterranean, are the key links which eventually may tie Europe together sufficiently to let the West force the issue with Russia in 1949.—United Press.

## Chinese Army Personnel On Arms Charges

Claiming to be personnel of the Chinese Army, two men, Tsang Shu, 28, and Tsang Fat, 24, were separately arraigned before Mr. Justice Gould at the Criminal Sessions this morning on charges of possession of arms and ammunition.

Both pleaded guilty, but said they were not aware of the Hongkong regulations requiring licences for arms. They added they had come to the Colony in pursuit of two alleged deserters.

Mr. A. Hooton, Crown Counsel, said both men were arrested following a search at the railway station at Sheung Shui. Each man had two fully loaded revolvers tucked in a belt around their waists, and Tsang Fat in addition had 17 spare rounds of ammunition in his pockets. The accused were of the same time found in possession of a quantity of raw opium, and were at present serving a sentence of six months' hard labour in Stanley Gaol for that offence.

His Lordship asked Tsang Fat whether he had not said in his statement to the Police that he intended to make a profit on the sale of the weapons in Hongkong.

### EXPLANATION NOT TAKEN

Second accused answered that he made that statement in answer to the charge of possession of opium. He was not aware that he would be charged on separate counts, and thinking that the courts of the Colony were the same as those in China, had made an admission that he intended to profit from his mission, but only in regard to the opium.

Sentencing each of the accused to three years' hard labour, Mr. Justice Gould said he could not accept their explanation. The sentences are to be served consecutive to their present terms.

In the lower court proceedings, first accused was described as a private and second accused as a lieutenant of the Peace Preservation Corps.

## ADM. BADGER IN HONGKONG

Vice-Admiral Oscar C. Badger, Commander of Naval Forces in the Western Pacific, arrived in Hongkong yesterday by U.S. Navy plane from his headquarters at Tsingtao. He is accompanied by Mrs. Badger, and his ADC, Captain Carrington. Although his visit to the Colony is unofficial, Admiral Badger hopes to contact Chinese and foreign officials during his short stay here. The situation in North China is pretty grim, he admitted, but both stand an equal chance of winning the struggle. The Admiral and his wife have been staying at the Hongkong Hotel, but will be moving to Repulse Bay this afternoon. They are flying back to Tsingtao on Thursday.

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## Aid For Chinese Students

Shanghai, Oct. 18.—Chinese students studying in universities abroad who have no money to complete their one-year study will be granted a loan of US\$450 by the Government, according to a directive of the Ministry of Education reaching Shanghai yesterday. This loan is to cover their living expenses in foreign countries. In case this sum is not enough, the students will have to "buy" foreign exchange at the official rate, the Ministry further stated. Those students, the order added, must return to China after they had completed their one-year study abroad. The loan of US\$450 will have to be refunded without interest in three years after the return of the students to China.—Reuter.

## Heads Of Utility Concerns Resign

Canton, Oct. 18.—The heads of Canton's three main utility concerns—light, water and telephone—are reported to have tendered their resignations to the controlling Municipal authorities. The reason for their resignations is said to be the inability to maintain their services at an efficient level owing to the lack of adequate funds and losses incurred through the low charges fixed by the authorities. Mr. Auyang Chu, Mayor of Canton, is reported to have promised the utility companies that he would attempt to raise a loan of C\$5,000,000 to meet the financial requirements and to put into effect other necessary improvements.—Reuter.







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## SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"Yee, George has just about got the cottage all fixed up—we're moving back to the city tomorrow."

## McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

Expert Play of Hand Makes Grand Slam

BY WILLIAM E. McKENNEY

RECENTLY I had the pleasure of playing bridge with Jack Barry of radio fame.

When we finished playing the hand shown today, I told Jack he had bid it like one of the seven-year-olds on his "Juvenile Jury" show. But I think you will agree that he played it like one who had had 80 years of experience.

Of course Jack had no business opening with a two diamond bid, but his comment was that he felt that he was going to be the declarer. He was not prepared for his partner to jump to six diamonds. When the bidding came around again, Jack was the jury and had to make a decision. The answer was seven diamonds.

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spades from dummy and trumped in his own hand with the four of diamonds. He cashed the ace of diamonds to pick up the one outstanding trump, then led the five of spades, went up with dummy's ace, led a spade back to his king, and ruffed the nine of spades in dummy.

Jack made no attempt to guess the heart finesse. West had shown out on the third spade, so Jack knew that East held the spade queen. He knew that the discards would show whether or not East also held the queen of hearts, so he started to run the diamonds. Of course East let go all of his clubs.

Finally dummy was down to three hearts and a small diamond. In his own hand Jack held the ten of spades and the ace, ten and one heart. The last diamond was led from dummy. East, holding the queen of spades and the queen-nine-eight of hearts, went into a long study. With his partner out of spades, he knew that he had to keep the spade queen, so he let go the right of hearts. Jack dropped the ten of spades. Then he cashed dummy's king of hearts and led another heart, and the queen fell. Thus he eliminated the heart guess and made seven-odd.

## DUMB BELLS

REGISTERED U.S. PATENT OFFICE

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## YOUR BIRTHDAY..... By STELLA

MONDAY, OCTOBER 18

BORN today, you have an alert and practical mind. You are always active and if there is no job at hand you will go out hunting for one. You have a great deal of natural reserve, but underneath you are warm-hearted and affectionate. However, you must know a person well before you take a new friend into full confidence, since you are very clannish and your family ties are strong. You are very fond of children and will want a family of your own. If deprived this you will make a doting uncle or aunt.

Your mind is an orderly one and you make plans far into the future. Your ambitions are high, but you are never in a hurry. You are temperamental, but must learn to control your emotions at an early age in order to achieve your goal.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—Begin your journey this morning as the afternoon hours are less propitious. Be cautious in affairs of the heart when evening comes, too.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Put forth energetic steady work and you may reap better than average rewards on a rather unpromising day. Make every move count.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Real estate and motor sales look promising. Also good for love and romance. The domestic scene is peaceful.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—A good day for romance, but don't neglect important business matters. You can make progress there, too, if you try.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—If dealing in real estate, be cautious in all pending deals. Examine details with the greatest of care to side-step loss.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—Business partnerships should bring rewarding benefits, especially if your dealings are with an elderly person.

**ARIES** (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—If affairs need settling, handle them with care today. Guard your assets and make sure that everything is in good order.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 21-May 21)—Get going early this morning for the best possible results. Some public enterprise should receive favourable attention just now, too.

**GEMINI** (May 22-June 22)—Both business and personal dealings with an elderly person may turn out very much to your benefit. All partnerships are favoured.

**CANCER** (June 23-July 23)—If job-hunting, locate the one you want. If romance is what you are seeking, then today you may find it. A profitable day!

**LEO** (July 24-Aug. 23)—A good day for love and marriage. If already wed, then your marital bliss should be increased. Look for increased income if efforts warrant it now.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)—Hold to conservative, level-headed business dealings and you can make a definite advance. Real estate is flourishing, too.

## AROUND THE WORLD:

### Savoie District of France

By TEMPLE MANNING

WHEN people from the towns seek to get away from it all, they want to wander by the sea or roam the countryside. The former is easy enough but finding country scenery is difficult. True, fields and meadows can be found, but invariably there are hedges and walls and fences to keep out the wanderer. There is one place where there is perfect country wandering, and we know more than one traveller who has crossed the oceans to enjoy it. It is the exquisite country around Evian, in the Savoie district of France.

#### Fashionable Spa

Evian is a fashionable watering place, a delightful town during its season and when the smart visitors depart. But the countryside, which the spa visitors barely ever see except from a car, has no season, especially for the rammer. There are no hedges, no gates, no walls. Footpaths lead through clover fields and cornfields, through vineyards, through meadows knee-deep in grass, dotted with lovely field flowers, through rich orchards that carpet the going with blossoms or dot it with fruit.

Paths lead through exquisite gardens, and never, never, have we seen a wayfarer pick a blossom or drop a petal. Another path may run right through farmlands, indeed, hard by the farm itself, a journey that is one of the delights of this neck of the woods. The farm-houses are likely to be of brown wood, seasoned by time and the elements, embowered in purple clematis or wisteria. Under the great eaves runs a long gallery, bright with geraniums, and reached by an outside stairway. Beneath are the cow barns, the chicken runs and the sheds.

#### Wayfarer Pauses

As the wayfarer pauses, especially if he is an obvious stranger to the neighbourhood, chances are that a glass of milk or home-made wine will be offered. And as he sips, he will observe the busy farm life going on all around, the ploughing of the land with oxen, the orchard harvest, the making of the cider, the pruning of the vine or the gathering of the grapes.

There are no great flocks of cattle, there are no preserves stocked with game; so really there is no need for



A farmhouse in the Savoie district of France.

gates and walls and fences and lines for trespassing. And because there are so few restrictions, because the sturdy folk around Evian have a devotion and pride for the land, everything flourishes.

Beautiful song birds abound, and the flowers are exquisite. The countryside is a sight to behold before the hay is cut. Fields are bright with purple meadow sage, blue with campanulas, flaming with poppies. Adornments of all colours, huge clumps of forget-me-nots, the rock rose, the wild pansy and the wood geranium make the fields and woods of things growing brings to mind the flavour of the wild strawberry that grows in this part of the high Savoie country near Lake Lemann. The mingling of its flavour and its perfume makes the wild strawberry an unforgettable feast, a nice note on which to end this memory ramble in a lovely land.

(Tomorrow—Science At Work)

## CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Answers

1. A child born after its father's death. 2. With a little point called the egg tooth on the end of the upper half of the shell. 3. The moon. 4. Franz Schubert's. 5. Japan and China. 6. From the Greek word meaning indivisible.



"Am I up yet, dear?"

## FOR THE BUSINESSMAN

### LONDON & NEW YORK STOCKS:

## WEEKLY MARKET REVIEWS

London, Oct. 16.—The remarkable boom in British Government stocks—a boom not predicted by a single stock market pundit and still the subject of controversy—paused this week to consolidate the position.

From the low level reached after Sir Stafford Cripps' budget, with its small but alarming "capital levy," Transport 8% have risen from 93-3/4 to 100-1/16. Old Consols have

risen from 75-7/8 to 79-5/16, a rise of nearly five percent. Hence institutional investors have called a halt, at least for the time being.

Another significant development during the week was the heavy buying of Iron and Steel shares on the theory that they are cheap if the government nationalises the industry. Most leading issues rose two to three shillings before the industry itself took alarm at the political implications of this assumption and dumped plenty of shares on the market. Steel shares closed the week below their best levels, but still with a fairly firm appearance, based on the idea that they are inevitably destined to be "nationalised stocks."

Although the market disliked the strained situation in Europe, there was very little selling of European bonds. Polish 7% drifted down 1 1/2 points to 255.

Industrial stocks had a good week and the Financial Times Index closed at 118.1, the highest level since June 2.

Oil issues were strong, and Kaffirs were idle except for a group connected with New Pioneers—United Press.

### RISE IN VALUES

New York, Oct. 16.—The market rose again this week, the third consecutive week of rising prices. The rise in market values amounted to about \$750,000,000, with individual stocks up one point or more and some specialties sharply higher.

Although developments in Paris before the United Nations meeting unsettled the list, the brightening tone of domestic business news was a sufficient market factor to send the list higher. Wall Street market analysts emphasised almost daily that the "impasse" between Russia and the "Western" powers over Berlin may last for a long time, and for that reason more attention should be given to developments at home, particularly in industry.

Prospects for continuing prosperity are good; it was pointed out in several quarters this week, and it seemed to be agreed that conditions would remain good for at least six months. Economic authorities in general believe that there is little chance of even a recession on anything like a broad scale as long as the nation is in the midst of the "preparations" programme. In the volatile oil industry, at the same time that ECA is engaged in aid for Europe on a huge scale.

### SOFT SPOTS

However, a few soft spots are developing, and warnings have been heard of a possible price break in clothing, particularly for men.

In the stock market this week, Superior Oil of California was a spectacular mover, rising as much as 15 points at its high for the week and then reacting moderately. Standard Oil of New Jersey was up over two points, and Standard Oil of California up around 3 1/2 points.

Douglas Aircraft had an extreme gain of 4 1/2 points this week when the directors declared a \$5 dividend against the previous \$2.50—United Press.

## Limited Cotton Trading

New York, Oct. 16.—Trading in the New York cotton futures market during the past week was limited to within a narrow range of 5 to 27 points lower than the previous week.

The weekly Cotton Exchange trade report predicted that the total domestic cotton supply would this season be approximately 18,110,000 bales, with the next season carrying over showing a substantial increase. September cotton consumption totalled 735,000 bales.

ECA approval of nearly \$8,000,000 for Netherlands purchases of raw cotton improved the export picture. Traders calculated this sum would cover over 30,000 bales. Producers have placed an additional 220,418 bales in the Government loan for the week ending October 7, compared with 117,000 for the previous week—United Press.

### Exchange Rates

Business "whisper" in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates: (1) 13.00 Sterling pound (sterling) (2) 13.00 Gold bar (per 100) (3) 13.00 P.T.C. (per 100) (4) 13.00 N.E.T. (per 100) (5) 13.00

The gold yuan has advanced several points since last week, and was quoted this morning at 88 cents (Hongkong) to one yuan.

## CRIPPS WARNS OF THREAT TO RECOVERY

Paris, Oct. 17.—Britain warned that the European Recovery Programme is threatened by the failure of the participating countries to provide material in time to prepare a long-term recovery plan, an official statement disclosed in Paris yesterday.

The statement said that the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, in addressing the Council of Organisation for European Economic Recovery on Saturday, said few nations have submitted their long-term programmes although October 1 was set as the deadline. A summary of his remarks—made to a closed session of the Council—was released by the British Embassy in Paris, yesterday. Sir Stafford added: "Unless work can be begun on all the national programmes soon, the Organisation will be faced with an impossible task."

Britain, he said, is lucky in having worked out her own long-term plan more than a year ago.

CEE so far has accomplished three tasks, he said:

1. The division of US aid.

2. Evolution of the international payment scheme and.

3. The drafting of the rule of commercial policy.

### DIFFICULT JOB

The more difficult job of "bringing about a degree of real economic co-operation within the framework of the national long-term programmes" had still to be tackled, he said, and added: "When all the programmes are received, the Council will see how the prospects of the individual countries fit together and how best physical co-operation in the resources of Europe can be brought about."

The Chancellor went on: "On the success of the operation depends a great deal of the future of the world. A strong, viable Western Europe in the economic sense is an absolutely essential factor in the world today, unless economic co-operation is made effective, we will not reach our goal."—Associated Press.

## HONGKONG SHARES

The turnover on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning was valued at \$185,560.

Transactions—and—noon—prices—follow:

SHARES	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALES
GOVT. LOANS	100		
3 1/2% (1948)		101 1/2	
DANKS Bank		25 @ 1000	
INSURANCES			
Canton		300	
Union		700	
HK Fire		200	
DOCKS, ETC.			
Wharf		7 1/2	600 @ 27
Deck		20 1/2	
LAND, ETC.			
HK Hotel		13 1/2	500 @ 13.00
			1000 @ 13.00
			400 @ 6 1/2
			2500 @ 5.00
UTILITIES			
Star Ferry		127	200 @ 25 1/2
Electric		34 1/2	200 @ 32
INDUSTRIALS			
Cement		37	10.30
STONES, ETC.			
Dairy (O)			1100 @ 41
Watson (Oid)			201 @ 10 1/2
COTTONS			
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## Radio Hongkong

11:30 p.m. Programme Summary: 6.01, "Swing in a Sweet Mood"; 6.30, Hospital Report; 6.45, "Music Time" Vocal Kinton (Studio); 7.00, "Music Time" Vocal Kinton (Studio); 7.30, Portuguese Half Hour (Studio); 8.00, World and Home News (London Relay); 8.15, Linda Cader News (London Relay); 8.30, "I Liked What I Liked" Presented by Edgar Webb (Studio); 8.45, Military Band Concert by the Band of the Buffs; 9.00, "The Enigma" mandarin the Buffs; 9.15, "The Enigma" mandarin the Buffs; 9.30, "The Enigma" mandarin the Buffs; 9.45, "The Enigma" mandarin the Buffs; 10.00, "The Enigma" mandarin the Buffs; 10.15, "The Enigma" mandarin the Buffs; 10.30, "The Enigma" mandarin the Buffs; 10.45, "The Enigma" mandarin the Buffs; 11.00, "The Enigma" mandarin the Buffs; 11.15, "The Enigma" mandarin the Buffs; 11.30, "The Enigma" mandarin the Buffs; 11.45, "The Enigma" mandarin the Buffs; 12.00, "The Enigma" mandarin the Buffs; 12.15, "The Enigma" mandarin the Buffs; 12.30, "The Enigma" mandarin the Buffs; 12.45, "The Enigma" mandarin the Buffs; 1.00, "The Enigma" mandarin the Buffs; 1.15, "The Enigma" mandarin the Buffs; 1.30, "The Enigma" mandarin the Buffs; 1.45, "The Enigma" mandarin the Buffs; 2.00, "The Enigma" mandarin the Buffs; 2.15, "The Enigma" mandarin the Buffs; 2.30, "The Enigma" mandarin the Buffs; 2.45, "The Enigma" mandarin the Buffs; 3.00, "The Enigma" mandarin the Buffs; 3.15, "The Enigma" mandarin the Buffs; 3.30, "The Enigma" mandarin the Buffs; 3.45, "The Enigma" mandarin the Buffs; 4.00, "The Enigma" mandarin the Buffs; 4.15, "The Enigma" mandarin the Buffs; 4.30, "The Enigma" mandarin the Buffs; 4.45, "The Enigma" mandarin the Buffs; 5.00, "The Enigma" mandarin the Buffs; 5.15, "The Enigma" mandarin the Buffs; 5.30, "The Enigma" mandarin the Buffs; 5.45, "The Enigma" mandarin the Buffs; 6.00, "The Enigma" mandarin the Buffs; 6.15, "The Enigma" mandarin the Buffs; 6.30, "The Enigma" mandarin the Buffs; 6.45, "The Enigma" mandarin the Buffs; 7.00, "The Enigma" mandarin the Buffs; 7.15, "The Enigma" mandarin the Buffs; 7.30, "The Enigma" mandarin the Buffs; 7.45, "The Enigma" mandarin the Buffs; 8.00, "The Enigma" mandarin the Buffs; 8.15, "The Enigma" mandarin the Buffs; 8.30, "The Enigma" mandarin the Buffs; 8.45, "The Enigma" mandarin the Buffs; 9.00, "The Enigma" mandarin the Buffs; 9.15, "The Enigma" mandarin the Buffs; 9.30, "The Enigma" mandarin the Buffs; 9.45, "The Enigma" mandarin the Buffs; 10.00, "The Enigma" mandarin the Buffs; 10.15, "The Enigma" mandarin the Buffs; 10.30, "The Enigma" mandarin the Buffs; 10.45, "The Enigma" mandarin the Buffs; 11.00, "The Enigma" mandarin the Buffs; 11.15, "The Enigma" mandarin the Buffs; 11.30, "The Enigma" mandarin the Buffs; 11.45, "The Enigma" mandarin the Buffs; 12.00, "The Enigma" mandarin the Buffs; 12.15, "The Enigma" mandarin the Buffs; 12.30, "The Enigma" mandarin the Buffs; 12.45, "The Enigma" mandarin the Buffs; 1.00, "The Enigma" mandarin the Buffs; 1.15, "The Enigma" mandarin the Buffs; 1.30, "The Enigma" mandarin the Buffs; 1.45, "The Enigma" mandarin the Buffs; 2.00, "The Enigma" mandarin the Buffs; 2.15, "The Enigma" mandarin the Buffs; 2.30, "The Enigma" mandarin the Buffs; 2.45, "The Enigma" mandarin the Buffs; 3.00, "The Enigma" mandarin the Buffs; 3.15, "The Enigma" mandarin the Buffs; 3.30, "The Enigma" mandarin the Buffs; 3.45, "The Enigma" mandarin the Buffs; 4.00, "The Enigma" mandarin the Buffs; 4.15, "The Enigma" mandarin the Buffs; 4.30, "The Enigma" mandarin the Buffs; 4.45, "The Enigma" mandarin the Buffs; 5.00, "The Enigma" mandarin the Buffs; 5.15, "The Enigma" mandarin the Buffs; 5.30, "The Enigma" mandarin the Buffs; 5.45, "The Enigma" mandarin the Buffs; 6.00, "The Enigma" mandarin the Buffs; 6.15, "The Enigma" mandarin the Buffs; 6.30, "The Enigma" mandarin the Buffs; 6.45, "The Enigma" mandarin the Buffs; 7.00, "The Enigma" mandarin the



# FOUR ACCUSED OF MURDERING U.S. NEWSMAN

## Caribbean Insurgents On Move?

### Honduras May Be First Target

Mexico City, Oct. 17.—The Caribbean Legion, which has the avowed purpose of overthrowing the Governments of Honduras, Nicaragua and the Dominican Republic, appears to be on the move.

After four months of training, the Legion, composed of 300 exiles and mercenaries, is reported to be shifting its base from San Jose, Costa Rica, just south of Nicaragua, to Guatemala, adjacent to Honduras on the North.

The first contingent of Legionnaires is reported to have arrived in Guatemala City by commercial airplane last week.

When and where the Legion will strike, if at all, is its own secret. However, the close to the organization point to Honduras as a likely first target.

#### THE LEADER

Actual organization of the Legion is under the direction of the rich Dominican exile, Miguel Angel Ramirez. Ramirez is said to have poured thousands of dollars into the successful Costa Rican revolution to help Jose Figueres overthrow the Teodoro Picado Government. He was indicted by a Federal Grand Jury at Jacksonville, Florida, last November on a charge of conspiring to export arms to Cuba in connection with a revolutionary plot against the Dominican Republic.

The Legionnaires have been training at Rio Concho near San Jose. They have one of the toughest obstacle courses anywhere in the Hemisphere.

They are now being trained in guerrilla warfare, and are being equipped with an average of five miles an hour.

Mr. Paul Warren, U.S. citizen and former guard at the U.S. Embassy in San Jose, was quoted in Guatemala City as saying the Legion believed in true democracy for the friendly Americas. He said it proposed free trade, uniform school systems, cheaper transportation, no travel restrictions, a postal union, agreement, standard currencies, democratic government, anti-Communist and "the end of the Somoza and Rafael Trujillo dictatorships."

American diplomatic officials in Washington recently said they were asking to bring Mr. Warren to the United States for questioning about his activities.

A Government official who declined to be quoted by name said "it is strange the three countries which the Legion would attack refuse to permit Communism."

A week ago Honduras held its first Presidential election in 16 years. The only candidate in the field, Juan Manuel Galvez, was elected with the support of President Tiburcio Caras Andino, who has been the Honduras leader since 1932. Angel Zuniga Huel, Liberal opposition candidate, withdrew on the eve of the election with a call for a revolt.

President Trujillo, through publicity, has been keeping attention focused on his Caribbean Republic as the probable objective of the Legion. However, the Caribbean Legion is not now prepared, so far as is known, for any water-borne operation. It does have a few planes.—Associated Press.

### Jewish & Arab Reds To Combine

Haifa, Oct. 17.—The fusion of the Jewish and Arab Communist parties is to be formally carried out in Haifa next Friday, it was learned here today.

The aim of the United Party was defined as "to fight for a National State of Palestine."—Reuter.

## SUCCESS FOR GENERAL DE GAULLE'S PARTY

Paris, Oct. 17.—General Charles de Gaulle's Rally of the French People took a good lead in Sunday's elections, with the Communists second.

Complete results for 26 Municipal Councils nominating delegates, who will vote on November 7 for the Council of the Republic French Upper House, gave 594 delegates to the Rally of the French People (RPF). The Communist Party came second with 451 delegates, the Socialists third with 220, the Catholic Popular Republicans (MRP) fourth with 160 and Radical Socialist and various independents 99.

These elections will designate part of the electorate which will vote on November 7 for the Council of the Republic, France's Advisory Body.

Mr. Pierre de Gaulle, Mayor of Paris, gave the results for the French capital, where the RPF, his brother's Party, will have 307 delegates, the Communists 183, the Socialists 30, the MRP 29 and the Independents 5.

In Marseilles, the RPF had 93 delegates, the Communists came close with 70.

In Lille, the MRP suffered a heavy blow from the RPF with only

## Black Market Scandal

Cannes, Oct. 17.—Police of the Economic Brigade today were combing the Riviera for Rene Antonioni, mayor of a small mountain village and believed to be the chief of one of the biggest black market rings since the liberation.

Antonioni, who has been missing for several days, is reported to have escaped with a fortune of over 27,000,000 francs made by reselling on the black market Swiss food packages supposedly destined for destitute French families and veterans.

The ring, according to Police and Customs officials investigating the case, would probably involve several local officials and well known Riviera personalities.—United Press.

## British Film Quota Opposed

### Exhibitors' Protest

London, Oct. 17.—Although hundreds of film theatres have appealed to the Board of Trade for a relaxation of the 45 percent British picture quota, an important industry source predicted today that the quota would not be changed for at least a year.

"The Government," he said, "are determined to try it for the full term and I don't think anything Mr. Eric Johnston (American movie czar) can say will cause them to change their minds. We ourselves have probably raised every argument Mr. Johnston has to put forward and we were told to try our best."

Because of his key position in the industry, this source could not permit the use of his name, but he said that he believed it would have been wiser for Mr. Harold Wilson, President of the Board of Trade, to have set a 25 per cent quota "which the British film industry could probably reach" rather than the difficult 45 per cent.

#### RELIEF SOUGHT

"As it is," he said, "more than half of the 3,600 independent film houses in the United Kingdom have asked for relief from the quota. Some of them want the quota reduced. Many of them want the quota eliminated completely."

A chain of houses which are operated by the film producing companies are satisfied with the quota because it ensures their pictures of showing, he said. These comprise 1,150 theatres.

"Although the quota went into effect on October 1," this source said, "most film houses are still just going along as they were and hoping for the best. Some of them claim that due to the competitive situations, like two or more theatres in one neighbourhood, they have got to have American pictures to keep their audiences."

Others are worried that while the British industry may produce the required number of films, the quality may not be uniformly high. Thus if they are committed to 45 percent of the showing time, they may suffer losses from poor pictures. This accounts for the rush to meet the provisions of the quota.

This source said that Hollywood had best prepare for at least a year of quota, possibly longer if the British producers live up to their greatest opportunity.—United Press.

## Alleged Greek Communists

### Woman Involved

Salonika, Oct. 17.—Greek Government officials announced today that four persons, including a Greek newspaperman and his mother, had been charged with murder of the American correspondent, George Polk.

The Minister of Public Order, M. Constantine Rentsis and the Minister of Justice, M. George Melas, said that murder warrants have been issued against Gregory Staktopoulos, former Reuter's correspondent with alleged Communist connections, and his mother, Anna.

Warrants charging murder were also issued against Evangelos Vasvanas and Adam Mouzenidis, alleged members of the Communist Execution squad, OPLA. Both are believed to be hiding in guerilla held mountain areas.

Additional warrants were issued charging all three men with illegal possession of firearms.

M. Constantine Korozos, Governor General of Northern Greece and M. Melas, made the announcement to 150 local and foreign newspapermen and Government officials. M. Rentsis issued his statement in Greek and M. Melas spoke in English.

M. Melas said that the trials would be held in Salonika, but that he could name no date, since "some points still remain to be cleared up."

He said that Vasvanas and Mouzenidis would be tried in Athens. Other officials present at the one-hour conference estimated the trials would be held in about two months.

#### POSSIBLE MOTIVE

M. Rentsis said that the "Greek Government had one view in mind from the beginning—namely, to discover those guilty, wherever they were, and bring them to justice. We are pleased now to publish the proceedings of the investigations and examinations to date concerning this dark crime which shook public opinion, both in Greece and the United States."

M. Melas said: "I am happy that the moment has arrived when we are in a position to disclose the circumstances and announce those guilty who will soon be brought before the courts of this nation."

The official announcement included a statement by Staktopoulos on the possible motive for the crime.

"It is my personal opinion that Polk's murder was planned by the Communist Party of Greece in order to throw the blame for this murder on the Rightists, to thus defeat Greece abroad and stop application of the Marshall Plan to Greece by an American protest against Greece and also to frustrate military aid to Greece."

"I know the Greek Communist Party," he said, "can do anything, even breathe, unless it receives orders from the Cominform."

The official announcement climaxed a breathless manhunt in Greek history. It came after more than five months of intensive investigations by the Greek, American and British authorities.

Since May 10, when Polk's body was found in the waters of Salonika harbour, Greece ordered her more than 30,000 policemen to report on every incident which could possibly be connected with the Polk case. She also had her Army intelligence staff screen, with specific reference to the murder, each of the thousands of prisoners taken in battle with Communist-led guerillas.

#### BOATS INSPECTED

One of the minor but important details of the police investigation was the rigid inspection of more than 800 boats and sailing craft in Salonika and neighbouring harbours. They were looking for blood stains, bullet splintered boards or recent repairs which would indicate an attempt to remove signs that any of the craft had been used in the murder.

Closely collaborating with the Greek authorities were the United States security and intelligence officers attached to the American mission and embassy. One of the most important semi-official figures in the investigation was General William Donovan, who represented American overseas writers.

The Columbia Broadcasting System, Polk's employer, conducted a similar semi-official investigation. It assigned veteran correspondent Winston Burdette to the case, as Peter Tompkins and Hermes Secundari.

#### BRITISH ASSISTANCE

Less apparent but just as intense investigations also had been conducted by British intelligence officers.

The Greek Government posted a \$2,500 reward and American newspapermen raised \$1,000 to spur the search.

American newspapermen also contributed for the expenses of Polk's younger brother, William, and correspondents John Donovan and Constantine Poulos who were to have come to Greece to carry on their own investigation.

Of greater incentive than the rewards, however, was the Greek Government's desperate desire to solve the case before repercussions in

the United States would react against aid to Greece.

This desire was backed for much the same reasons by United States representatives connected with the aid programme here.

It is impossible to estimate exactly the loss suffered by the Greek cause due to Polk's murder, but it had been considerable.

Those responsible had hoped the political murder of an American correspondent might cause enough reaction in the United States to cancel out the American side entirely.

It is known, however, that Polk's death supplied plenty of ammunition to those describing Greece as an undemocratic police state and made many doubts or at least wonder whether it was really right to be assisting the present Greek Government.

#### WIDOW'S OPINION

Mrs. Adelaide Polk, who flew from the United States to Athens for her son's funeral and opening of the investigation, intimated on her return to America that it appeared the murder had been committed by the "Right."

About a month later, after considerable difficulty in obtaining clearance from the Greek authorities who wanted to keep all persons closely connected with Polk in Greece until the conclusion of the investigation, Mrs. Rhea Polk, attractive young widow, also flew to the United States.

Shortly after her arrival she named the "Left" as the best suspect. It was cynically reported here that her declaration was the Greek Government's price for allowing her to leave the country.

At least two of the thousands of guerilla prisoners taken by the army during the intervening months offered "definite leads" on the case in exchange for their lives.

Most of this proffered information proved useless. A "tell all" offer of one guerilla youth who was rushed to Athens under special guard about two months ago closely coincided with one of the first breaks in the case.

On August 14, Gregory Staktopoulos, a Salonika newspaperman, and his mother, Mrs. Anna Staktopoulos, arrived and were placed in solitary confinement without charges.

#### OFF RECORD INFORMATION

It was extremely difficult for responsible observers to discover the truth from then on.

Exaggerated but still unconfirmed reports of the Staktopoulos investigation were given to American correspondents in confidence with the understanding that they would not be published. American newsmen observed this confidence.

An official announcement had been in the offing since the first of the month. The Minister of Public Order, Mr. Constantine Rentsis, and the Minister of Justice, Mr. George Melas, planned to make it last weekend but cancelled the arrangements at the last minute.

It is understood they delayed an announcement because they wanted additional evidence and witnesses to back up their findings. They were afraid that lack of sufficient corroboration would break their case in their faces once it was brought to court.—United Press.

## SCHOOLBOYS TO TOUR CANADA

London, Oct. 17.—The National Association of Boys' Clubs announced today that a group of British boys will visit Canada each year for five years at the expense of William Garfield Weston, the Canadian-born bluestock millionaire, who now lives in Britain.

The first tour has been fixed for next summer.

During the first year 40 boys between the ages of 14 and 17 will be selected from all parts of Britain.

The primary aim is to provide a free six weeks' holiday tour in Canada.

Mr. Weston, who was born in Toronto, Ontario, and came to Britain in 1894, promised four years ago to arrange for a number of British boys to visit Canada at his expense "when conditions permitted."—Reuter.

## Mountain Climbing Fatality



A search party used ropes and toboggan to bring the body of Robert Thorson (centre), from the Olympic mountain peak where the 17-year-old Bremerton, Washington high school student died after being injured in the fall.—AP Picture.

## ATOMIC ENERGISED PLANES FEASIBLE

Baltimore, Maryland, Oct. 17.—An atomic energy engineer says the theory of an atom driven aeroplane is 99 percent perfected. Mr. David M. Poole told the Baltimore Society of Automotive Engineers that the job is now up to the slide rule men with their drawing board and working models.

Scientists have brought out a way to tap the power of a mobile atomic pile, he said. Now the engineers must make the idea work. The must design and build the engine, the plane, the controls, and the protection of pilot and crew.

Mr. Poole is a member of the nuclear energy for the propulsion of aircraft project at the Oak Ridge atomic plant and head of its heat problems group.

Nearly all the aeroplane manufacturers in the country have specialists at Oak Ridge working for their firms. He represents Fairchild Aircraft.

The big thing about the atom powered plane, Poole said, is that in theory at least it could go on flying forever.

"The time has come," he said, "when we can no longer afford not to have atomic aircraft."

#### HOW IT WILL BE DONE

He reasoned: "Super bombers developed during and since the war must carry so much that they can't go very fast by jet propelled standards. Jet planes which do better than 700 miles an hour can't carry enough fuel to stay up very long. But a weight unit of atomic power is two or three millionths the weight unit of gasoline."

Mr. Poole reported the scientists have made up their minds how to make the most of this power: use the heat generated in an atomic pile.

What kind of a heat engine? Rocket thrust? No, said Poole. We've tried and abandoned that, he said. Steam turbines, turbo jets and ram jets have all been crossed off.

Instead the engine will be a "nuclear rocket." That, he added, is secret.

The next problem is to protect the crew from deadly atomic rays. Operators at Oak Ridge work behind heavy concrete.

Mr. Poole said the scientists have a much lighter protective metal now. They have cut down the radiation leak to about the amount you get off the luminous dial of a wrist watch.

"The shield still will be heavy," he reported. "But the conventional plane carries 50 tons of gasoline, so the atomic plane can handle it."—Associated Press.

#### EXPERIMENT SUCCEEDS

Washington, Oct. 17.—The United States Air Force, after a previous failure, has succeeded in attaching its XF-85 "parasite" fighter to a mother plane in mid-air.

## Death Of Italian Politician

Rome, Oct. 17.—Senator Giuseppe Micheli, Christian Democrat, Minister of Marine in the second de Gasperi government, died in Rome yesterday, aged 72.

An early leader of the Christian Democrat Party, Micheli, served in the advent of Fascism, before the second Miti and the last Ciochetti governments as Minister of Agriculture and in the Bonomi government of 1921 to 22 as Minister of Public Works.

He was president of the National Insurance Association.—Associated Press.

## A DAUGHTER FOR VERONICA LAKE

Hollywood, Oct. 17.—Veronica Lake, the film actress, gave birth to a 6 lb. 4 oz. daughter last night. A hospital official said both were doing well.—Reuter.

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